

Environmental Policy Commission Minutes
October 18, 2010 Meeting

EPC Members in Attendance

✓	Jennifer Hovis (Chair)	✓	Danielle Fidler	✓	Kurt Moser
✓	Jessica Bayliss Brown	X	Patrick Hagan	✓	Peter Pennington
✓	Patrick Brennan	✓	Scott Barstow	✓	Phil Voorhees
X	Bobby Croghan	✓	Laura Medhurst	X	Matt Voorhees
				✓	Rebecca Jablon

[✓ = In attendance X= Absent]

City Staff

Khoa Tran, Bill Skrabak

Begin 7:35 PM

Public Comment

- None

Presentation on City's Transportation Division Activities, Abi Lerner

- Abi Lerner presented on a proposal to fund Alexandria's Priority Transportation Projects: the commercial real estate add-on tax
- Priority transportation projects promote alternative transportation and economic development
 - o Tier 1 priority projects: large regional projects, more capital-intensive
 - o Tier 2 priority projects: more localized projects, less capital-intensive
 - The list will change based on stakeholder feedback
- The process is to inform the budget process for next year
- Abi stated the City would like EPC feedback on the funding list
 - o Bill stated he will distribute the link to the website where the PowerPoint presentation is posted.
- The EPC will draft a letter lending support for the commercial real estate tax, tree care and maintenance, the open space fund, public recycling bins, and for the City to get a full-time sustainability coordinator. Patrick B. offered to draft the letter for the next EPC meeting.

Administrative Items

- The minutes from the last meeting were approved pending inclusion of the attendance chart.
- A tentative schedule for the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan Adoption was discussed. January 10th was tentatively scheduled as an educational night on climate change, but the Climate Group will look into whether 10th or 24th would be better. Scott will work on potential speakers for this night, by talking to his JHU professors.
- Kurt suggested that City staff provide EPC with a tour or talk on natural resources in Alexandria
- Bill will see if City staff are available to give an update on Open Space in the City

Staff and Committee Updates

- Outreach: Jessica sent out an email regarding a movie event on urban chickens.
 - o Danielle announced there is a tree planting on October 30th, from about 9:30 to 12 at Holmes Run.

- Peter announced the first Earth Day meeting will be held November 3rd at 7 pm at the Lee Center. The meeting's purpose to decide on this year's Earth Day theme. All are welcome to help out.
- Mirant PRGS: All required approvals have been received.
 - Contract funding still under development.

Adjourn 9:30 PM